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COVID-19 Relief Bill Passes Assembly

Madison – Representative John Spiros (R-Marshfield) joined his Assembly Republican colleagues in voting for legislation to provide relief from the coronavirus pandemic. The bill contains 44 measures, which includes supports for hospitals, frontline medical workers, and first responders to build up their workforce to fight the pandemic.

“This bill continues our efforts from last session to fight the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Rep. Spiros. “We are giving the Governor more tools and funds to distribute throughout the state to help our families, businesses, and communities return to normal.”

This legislation also includes measures to make sure that Wisconsin citizens have access to necessary medication, COVID tests, and vaccines. Additionally, the bill ensures families can visit their loved ones in nursing home and assisted living facilities safely.

Other provisions in this legislation include:

- Making \$100 million available to help fight COVID-19
- Protecting schools and businesses from certain liabilities to reduce frivolous lawsuits
- Requiring the Department of Workforce Development to eliminate the unemployment insurance backlog
- Not allowing closures of places of worship
- Allowing rehiring of retirees in critical positions

Many of the measures in the bill will end at the conclusion of the national emergency declaration or June 30, 2021, whichever time is earlier. The bill now goes to the Senate for a vote.

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